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Utility

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E/ Method and apparatus for implementing user feedback

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Description of the Invention:

...disk drive 26, a floppy disk drive 27, a CD ROM 28, and/or a network interface card 29 for linking the computer system 10 to other computer systems. Additionally, a...

...environment, which can include such organizational systems as a computer educational system implemented on several networked computers and used to teach course material to students. Another learning environment may take the...departmental problems to help the employer improve the working environment. A user of a computer network can send feedback to a system operator about a network performance issue that the operator has brought to every user's attention, and so on...

...storage block 44. In the described embodiment, block 44 includes a database, accessible through a network , which stores the feedback information sent by the user of feedback interface 42. Alternatively , feedback data can be stored on storage devices local to a feedback recipient, such as on a hard disk drive of computer system 10, and, for example, mailed throughout a network when so requested. Block 44 provides the feedback information in the database to specific author... reviewer receives the feedback information at his or her own computer system preferably through a network system connecting the computers in the entire system. Such a network system can be implemented, for example, using a network interface card 29 connected to a computer-system 10 as shown in FIG. 1. Other...hierarchically shown in FIG. 28, can be stored in a feedback record and include the network type and current node of the computer environment implementing the feedback interface, the hardware platform...that word processing program was being used with the same operating system, hardware platform, and network as the feedback interface, then all of the technical attributes correctly describe the context of...

...this information could be stored on a database connected to the feedback interface via a **network**. The information could then be automatically retrieved by the feedback interface. Similarly to the technical...service (which can include, for example, a physical location in space or within an organization, **network**, etc.), and corresponds to the "where" general attribute as shown in FIG. 28. For example...of a method 280 of using the feedback system of the present invention for the **collection** of **feedback**. The method starts in a step 282, and, in a step 284, a user or ...is passed from the computer environment that the user was navigating to the feedback system **controller**. This information may allow the feedback system to quickly fill in the technical attributes explained... implemented on the computer system, step 624 can be skipped. In next step 616, the **network** characteristics of the system implementing the feedback interface 42 are retrieved and the **network** type and **network** address are stored in the feedback record. **Network** characteristics include the **network** operating system type (vendor, company, etc. and **network** system version), the **network** address of the user, and any other information concerning the **network** connecting the computer environment to other computers. This information is typically available to other programs or the feedback system through the **network** operating system. In step 618, the hardware platform characteristics are retrieved and inserted into the...

...used by the user are retrieved and inserted into the feedback record, similarly to the **network** and application program characteristics described above. In step 626, the name and location of the...at an earlier date, for example, or might be discernable from a database over a **network**. These attributes are inserted into the feedback record into appropriate fields, such as those included...FIG. 35 is a flow diagram illustrating an alternate method 660 of **collecting** **feedback** in a feedback system of the present invention. The method 660 is directed towards a feedback interface which presents options and **collects** **feedback** using voice input and audio output. Such an embodiment can be utilized, for example, in...
...user's inputs in such a system are typically processed using a computer system or **controller**.

...is described in greater detail below with reference to FIG. 27. In step 440, the **data** display is **updated** with the processed changes, and the process then is complete as indicated in step 441...spirit or scope of the invention. Particularly, although specific user interfaces have been described for **obtaining** the **feedback** records, it should be apparent that a wide variety of different display based interfaces can be used to **obtain** the desired **feedback**. In addition to display based interfaces, the interfaces could be voice activated or receive inputs...

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Utility

E/ Method and apparatus for transmitting and displaying information between a remote network and a local computer

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Description of the Invention:

...1. Network Architecture...

...preferred embodiment of the system architecture. The Local Computer 500 is physically connected to the Network Service Provider 701 via a Communications Link 703. The Network Service Provider 701 provides access to the Network 700. Advertising System Server 600 is one of the nodes on the Network 700...Computer 500 preferably includes a Central Processor 510, a Main Memory 511, an Input/Output Controller 512, a Display Device 513, input devices such as a Keyboard 514 and a Pointing

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...connected to an internal or external Modem 520 or like device for communication with the Network 700. Alternatively, the Local Computer 500 may be connected via an ISDN adapter and an ISDN line for communications with the Network 700. The Modem 520 optionally allows for the establishment of voice calls through software control...b.

Network

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...The Network 700 is preferably the World-Wide Internet . The World-Wide Internet (" Internet ") is a world-wide network connecting thousands of computer networks . The dominant protocol used for transmitting information between computers on the Internet is the TCP/IP Network Protocol. Computers connect to the Internet either a fixed connection, in which case they become a "permanent" node on the Internet , or a dial-up connection, in which case they act as a node on the network as long as the connection is active. Internet addresses are the numbering system used in TCP/IP communications to specify a particular network or computer on the network with which to communicate...

...Online Inc., CompuServe, available from H&R Block Inc., Prodigy,

available from Prodigy Services, Microsoft **Network**, available from Microsoft Corp., as well as other like services from a variety of companies...

...c. **Network Service Provider...**

...The **Network Service Provider** 701 provides access to the **Network** 700. Commercial providers include: BBN, ...are to store Advertisements 50, transfer the Advertisements 50 to the Local Computer 500, and **collect user feedback**. The Local Computer 500 will initiate communication with the Advertising System Server 600. Each user...be stored on any one of the plurality of advertising system servers connected to the **Network** 700. In this embodiment, the Local Computer 500 initiates communication with a predetermined advertising system...

...advertising system server will select the next Advertisement 50 to be downloaded and transmit the **network** address of the advertising system server storing the Advertisement 50. The Local Computer 500 uses the transmitted **network** address to request the selected Advertisement 50 from the appropriate advertising system server...Thus, the Job Manager address returned to the Local Computer 500 may contain both the **Internet** address of the server ...The Job Manager 720 creates a **Network** Job 725 for each user it communicates with. Each **Network** Job 725 communicates with the Local Computer 500 to select and download Advertisements 50; **collect feedback** from the Local Computer 500; check the user's participation and any awards from contests, etc.; and upgrades and installs the Local Computer 500 software versions. The **Network** Job 725 is responsible for selecting the next downloaded Advertisement 50 based on user configuration...

...Under most current **network** models, including the current implementation of the **Internet**, users are typically charged based on the amount of time they are connected to specific resources on the **network**. Thus, the current system of downloading advertisements and other information in the background does not...

...user, as transmission occurs in background mode while the user is already connected to the **network Service Provider** 701. Future implementations of these **networks**, however, may charge users based on the amount of information, or number of **network** "packets" or other units of data, the user has received. On such **networks**, the system should be able to track the amount of information transmitted, such as by counting the number advertisements, advertisement resources, or **network** packets (also known as "datagrams"), frames, segments or other units of **network** data containing advertisements. The **Network Service Provider** 701 may use this information to charge the system generated transmissions to the advertisers rather than the users. The Advertisement System Server 600, and most preferably the **Network** Job 725, will be responsible for tracking the amount of information transmitted by the system...

...the Advertisements 50 or other informational content; listings of users; listings of advertisers; listings of **network** service providers; billing information; audit logs and statistics. The Server Database 730 also maintains information provides various management services, such as billing information, viewing and **gathering** statistics on **feedback** information, and advertisement display audit-logs which may be sorted according to various filters such...Saver Subsystem 220, User Preference

and Advertisements Database 230, Feedback Manager 240, Advertisements Feeder 250, Internet Feedback 260, Advertisement Killer 275, Scheduler 265, Internet Feeder 270, TCP/IP Polite Agent 280, TCP/IP Protocol Stack 290, and PPP-TCP...Over Modem Protocol Subsystem 295 handle the lower level details of transferring information to the Network 700. The TCP/IP Polite Agent 280 is responsible for monitoring the communications line utilization...The general mechanisms and protocols for communicating with a network , such as the Internet , or on-line service, are known in the art. See, e.g., Stallings, W., Data...

...Macmillan Publishing Co., (1988). The preferred embodiment utilizes the TCP/IP protocol (Transport Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol) which is also well known in the art. See, e.g., Martin J., TCP/IP Networking , PTR Prentice Hall (1994). The disclosure of each of the foregoing is hereby incorporated by calls for communicating with other application programs connected to the Network 700. Thus the application programs, here the TCP/IP Polite Agent 280, do not have...a) The Advertising System Server 600 Internet name or Internet address...f) Whether feedback information may be sent to the Network 700...this information in selecting the next advertisement to be transmitted. The user preference and configuration data may alternatively be stored on the Advertising System Server 600...

...The Job Manager 720 on the Network Server 600 matches the user preferences and configuration data against the category information for the...to browse through Advertisements 50 stored on their local system (hard disk or local LAN network), as well as those Advertisements 50 available from the Network 700. For Advertisements 50 stored locally, whether downloaded from the Network 700 to the User Preference and Advertisement Database 230 or available on a Local Advertisement...

...201 displays a menu with the available Advertisements 50. Each Advertisement 50 stored on the Network 700 or Local Advertisement Database 550 may optionally include a preview segment. The user may...

...user may then select the particular advertisement to be displayed. For Advertisements stored on the Network 700, the Advertising System Server 600 will transmit a list of available Advertisements 50. Users... questioners, initiating a WEB browser to connect directly to an advertiser WEB page on the Network 700, or automatically initiating a voice connection through the Modem 520 to the advertiser...to the User Preference and Advertisement Database 230. Advertisements 50 preferably are provided from the Internet through the Internet Feeder 270, however, the Advertisements Feeder 250 is not dependent on the type of advertisement...but rather takes advantage of communications resources once the initial Communications Link 703 with the Network Service Provider 701 has been established, thus avoiding additional user charges

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...resource utilization remains low and ample resources are available the software agent performs its designated data transfer task. Alternatively , if communications resource utilization becomes high due to other applications ...a response from) the Advertising System Server 600. See, e.g., J. Martin, TCP/IP Networking , PTR Prentice Hall Inc. (1994) (pages 147-48), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. An alternative method is to "ping" the Network Service Provider 701...for a Polite Agent Job 285 embodying the present invention

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for transmitting data to the **Network** 700. The Polite Agent Job 285 first checks (step A) to see whether this is...285 transmits the name of the file, file position and file block contents to the **Network** 700 via the TCP/IP Protocol Stack 290 (steps I, K). The Polite Agent Job 285 then **updates** the current **file** position and stores it on persistent storage, such as the Local Computer's Mass Storage...Agent Job 285 may consist of a true file type supported by the platform, or, **alternatively**, any block of **data** such as a database record...

...Polite Agent Job 285 uses this threshold to calibrate its operation by calculating how many **network** packets, bytes, or other units of data may be transferred without increasing the load beyond...550. In this embodiment, the Advertisements Feeder 250 includes the selection functionality described for the **Network** Job 725 above. Selected Advertisements 50 are loaded into the User Preference and Advertisement Database...

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Utility

E/ Method for searching for network connection path

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Description of the Invention:

...its operation after user's certification process. The operating system 110 also has a communication controller 121...is desired for the computer B to access one of computers belonging to a sub- network to which IP packets cannot be sent directly in a TCP/IP network , the computer B must be once logically connected to the sub- network of the target computer through its `telnet` or `rlogin` process and then be connected to...

...the computer B 102, by a user of the computer A 101 controlling its communication controller 121...through the application process 120 activated by the computer A 101 to control its communication controller 121, thus activating the application process 120 of the computer C 103... the two computers is shown by a communication port 130 in FIG. 1. The communication controller 121 functions to logically allocate the communication port 130 for each application process 120. Thus...a main memory 201 for storing data necessary for various sorts of calculations therein, a network controller 203 for controlling input/output of data to be transferred between my computer and such a physical communication as communication line 205 or a local area network 204, and a disk controller 207 for control of input/output of data to be transferred with a disk unit...

...The operations of the operating system 110, application process 120, communication controller 121 and access log recorder 111 shown in FIG. 1 are realized actually when the...

...120 and processing procedures for control of the main memory 201, disk unit 206 and **network controller** 203, are also described in the operating system 110...will next be made as to the basic principle of how to search for a **network** connecting path in accordance with the present invention, by referring to FIG. 3Now, the basic principle of the method for searching for a **network** connecting path in accordance with the present invention will be explained in connection with a...The first embodiment is intended to dynamically embody the basic principle of the aforementioned **network** connecting path searching method in cooperation ...Each of the computers belonging to the **network** system always monitors whether or not the user who activated the application process on its...of FIG. 5 and the user time 609 of the user. In this case, the **data** length 603 is **modified** .
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...FIG. 5 collectively to the (m-1)-th computer, in which case the collectively sent **response data** correspond to **collective response data** 700 ...More in detail, as shown in FIG. 7, the **collective response data** 700 has a tag 701 indicative of the **collective response data** , the number 702 of response data, a data length 703 and individual response data 704... .

...Parts of the **collective response data** 700 transferred from the m-th computer to the (m-1)-th computer correspond to... .

...the user time of the user, as response data 704. In this case, however, the **data** length 603 is **modified** and the contents indicative of `success` is set in the successful or unsuccessful search field first computers, when receiving the **response data** (actually **collective response data**) from all the computers to which its own computer sent the searching data, collects the **collective response data** and all the response data stored in the step 506 of FIG. 5 to have the same data format as such a **collective response data** 700 as shown in FIG. 7; and then sends it to the computer which sent... .

...own computer. However, when the my computer fails, within the predetermined time, to receive the **collective response data** from all the computers to which my computer sent the searching data, my computer uses... .

...Since the **collective response data** received by the searching originator computer contains a **collection** of the **response data** indicative of connecting paths from the computers as the candidates of the logical connection originator... .

...to the searching originator computer; the searching originator computer, on the basis of the received **collective response data** , can display on the screen the candidates of the logical connection originator computer and candidates...user, searching can be carried out on a real time and parallel basis and the **response data** can be **collectively** sent, which results in that the searching load of the **network** can be suppressed and minimized... .

...the foregoing first embodiment, the searching procedure may be carried out, for example, when a **network** administrator enters a commandIn the latter case, when it is desirable for the **network** administrator to

examine the access log recorded in a given computer to detect a user who the administrator wants to handle as the search objective user, the network administrator is only required to enter in the computer a search indication command instructing a...For example, in the case of the network of a company, when a user wants to use a computer installed in a research...user when the actual operational time zone (e.g., in the case of a company network, the working time of the company) of a network system is used as the predetermined time zone in the third condition, because the illegal...such a user as to satisfy the latter of the fourth condition rarely uses the network system, there is a possibility that the user identifier of such a user may be...In a large-scale network system, its searching range becomes large. The searching range can be limited by aborting the...As has been mentioned above, even in a large-scale network system, its effective searching can be realized by reducing the number of candidates obtained by...second embodiment is when the basic principle of the aforementioned method for searching for a network connecting path is dynamically implemented so that computers are cooperative under control of a network managing computer...

...Shown in FIG. 8 is an example of arrangement of a network system in accordance with the second embodiment...
...802 to 807 denote computers 1 to 6. In an example of FIG. 8, 5 networks of department networks 1 (808) to 5 (812) are physically connected to each other via a base network 813...Subsequently, the searching originator computer, when receiving response data (collective response data) from the computer which transmitted the searching data and searching agent (...The searching data and collective response data have the same data formats as shown in FIGS. 6 and 7...)

...The collective response data received by the managing computer 801 from the searching originator computer collectively contain the response data indicative of respective connecting paths from the computers which become the candidates of the logical...

...computer logically connected to the searching originator computer. Thus on the basis of the received collective response data, the managing computer 801 can display on its screen the candidates of the logical connection...can search for the illegal user on a real-time and parallel basis and the response data are collectively transferred, whereby the load of the network necessary for the searching can be minimized...is not necessarily required and thus the managing computer 801 may be provided as a network system having substantially the same arrangement as the foregoing second embodiment. In the latter case, the searching originator computer may inform the managing computer 801 of the received collective response data, and the managing computer 801, on the basis of the informed collective response data, may display its screen the candidates of the logical connection originator computer logically connected to...whereby, at the time of transferring the response data, it is only required to simply collect all the response data received by my computer as well as all the response data previously stored by my...Although the use times of the users have been set in the searching data and collective response data in the foregoing first and second embodiments, this is not necessarily required for the searching...The third embodiment corresponds to a case where the basic principle of the above network connection-path searching method is applied so that a managing computer for management of a network is uniquely implemented...

...A **network** system in accordance with the third embodiment has substantially the same arrangement as FIG. 8...A **network** administrator examines the access logs stored in the access log storage database 1205 of the...

...user as the search objective user and a computer as the searching originator computer, the **network** administrator enters in the managing computer 1201 a search command indicative of a search instruction... managing computer 1201 can be reduced. Thus, even in the case of a large scale **network** system, effective searching can be realized...another modification may be allowed that the searching procedure is executed, for example, when the **network** administrator enters a ...With such an arrangement, when the **network** administrator examines the access logs collected by the managing computer 801 from the respective computers and finds the to-be search objective user, the **network** administrator can enter in the managing computer 801 a search command with the computer identifier...

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Utility

Interactive computer system and data analysis method

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Description of the Invention:

...20 is an Optrex 320X240 pixel graphic LCD, display processor 42 is an Epson IC Controller , processor 38 is a Motorola MC 68HC11 microprocessor, additional memory device 48 is a Mosel...from each display screen 22. Preferably, data type field 70 allows for up to fifteen data types. Screen change field 72 defines a screen change event which triggers a display screen 22 to change...75 for selecting a screen style, a data type form field 77 for selecting a data type, a screen change form field 79 for selecting a screen change event, and a timer control form field...screens table 90 for storing input program records 62, and in the case where user response data is being collected , at least one filter table such as filter table 94 for storing a plurality of...present invention has been described in connection with data device 12 of FIG. 2, the data device could alternatively be implemented on a personal computer or network having software which acts as a front-end software component of project database 47, rather...

...access a project database 47 stored either on the user's computer or on a network or internet server in order to create a user interface for providing information to and/or collecting user response data from the user. With such a configuration, screen table 90 may be accessed directly from...

...in order to determine what will be displayed on the user's computer. Any user response data collected from the user's computer can be stored directly in the appropriate data output field...

...12 to the necessary data collecting locations, as well as the need to transfer the collected user response data inputted to data device 12 to computer 14 via communications cable 16. An example of...to zero). If not, at 606 a check is made as to whether any user response data is being collected by the currently displayed display screen 22. If so, at 608, the user response data...The user response data collected by data device 12 is stored in an output record 5 within second memory

device 58. Once all of the user **response data** has been **collected**, it is then transferred to output table 92 of FIG. 16. Output table 92 is ...changes display screen 22 back to the first display screen 22 is activated, any user **response data collected** from the previous display screens 22 is stored in output record 5, and all of...

...that a new output record 5 may be created. With such a configuration, the user **response data collected** by data device 12 will be in the proper position to be read directly into...

...plurality of filters and corresponding filter criteria that can be used to analyze the user **response data collected** by data device 12. One preferred embodiment of two filter tables are shown in FIGS...

...device serial number filter 91 representing the serial number assigned to each data device 12 **collecting user response data**, and a location name filter 93 representing the name of the location of each data device 12 **collecting user response data** ...see FIG. 16) into which the input program records 62 are stored, and where user **response data** is being **collected**, filter tables 94, output table 92 and data analysis template tables 95 (as later explained...

...At 106, it must be determined whether data device 12 will be **collecting user response data** or merely providing information. If it will be **collecting user response data**, at 108, the user of computer 14 has the option of creating one or more...

...program by scanning screens table 90, and since data device 12 is being used to **collect user response data**, output table 92 may be created directly from screens table 90 for storing the output records 5 transferred from data device 12. If no user **response data** is being **collected** at 106, input text file 86 would be created at 107 by scanning screens table...output record 5 was created, and an data output field 124 representing the actual user **response data collected** by data device 12. As is shown in FIG. 13, output record 5 may also...

...197177 was created on Jul. 1, 1998 at 9:54 a.m. and the user **response data collected** by data device 12 for the first display screen 22 is a 1 byte integer value (as previously defined by input program record 62 of FIG. 5), and the user **response data collected** by the second to last display screen 22 is a timestamp...

...In the case where data device 12 is being used to **collect user response data** (rather than merely to provide data), once data device 12 has completed **collecting user response data**, data device 12 may then be reconnected to computer 14 to transfer the user response...16) or exported into another data analysis program such as Excel(R). Once the user **response data collected** by data device 12 has been loaded into output table 92, it may then be...must first be opened at 200 in order to begin the analysis of the user **response data collected** by data device 12. At 202, the data analyst will be asked to select a data model for analyzing the user **response data collected** by data device 12. The data models may include business process analysis, survey/customer satisfaction...data analysis template 35, at 220 the desired data analysis template 35 and corresponding user **response data collected** by data device 12 may be loaded on the data analyst's computer so that... by data device 12 may be loaded on the data analyst's computer so that...
...and every graph defined in the graphical layout selected at 212 for

filtering the user **response data collected** by data device 12. The global filter criteria define filters to be applied for all...With such a configuration, a data analyst can simultaneously compare the same set of user **response data collected** by data device 12 based on different global filter criteria. Using the group and standard...template tables and corresponding data analysis templates and features thereof may be automatically and selectively **changed** by the **data analyst** at any time after they have been created...

...include a layout style field 254 which defines the graphical layout for displaying the user **response data collected** by data ...a configuration, the data analyst can selectively and automatically configure the manner in which user **response data collected** by data device 12 is analyzed. In addition, such reconfigured graphs can be saved as...

...For example, if the **data analyst** wished to **change** graph 270 of FIG. 15, she can do so by simply pressing graph control button...

...be made. In particular, form 500 includes a graph options form 517 from which the **data analyst** can **change** attributes of graph 270 via graph options fields and graph options buttons contained therein. The... cost-based analysis of a graph depicting average task times for illustrative purposes. When the **data analyst** wants to **change** features of graph 294, she may do so by pressing change settings button 510, upon ...analyst to automatically and selectively choose different data analysis templates 35 to analyze the user **response data collected** by data device 12 under this data model. With existing data analysis tools, the data...

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Method and apparatus for transmitting and displaying information between a remote network and a local computer

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Description of the Invention:

...1. Network Architecture...

...preferred embodiment of the system architecture. The Local Computer 500 is physically connected to the Network Service Provider 701 via a Communications Link 703. The Network Service Provider 701 provides access to the Network 700. Advertising System Server 600 is one of the nodes on the Network 700...Computer 500 preferably includes a Central Processor 510, a Main Memory 511, an Input/Output Controller 512, a Display Device 513, input devices such as a Keyboard 514 and a Pointing

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...connected to an internal or external Modem 520 or like device for communication with the Network 700. Alternatively, the Local Computer 500 may be connected via an ISDN adapter and an ISDN line for communications with the Network 700. The Modem 520 optionally allows for the establishment of voice calls through software control...b.

Network

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...The Network 700 is preferably the World-Wide Internet . The World-Wide Internet (" Internet ") is a world-wide network connecting thousands of computer networks . The dominant protocol used for transmitting information between computers on the Internet is the TCP/IP Network Protocol. Computers connect to the Internet use either a fixed connection, in which case they become a "permanent" node on the Internet , or a dial-up connection, in which case then act as a node on the network as long as the connection is active. Internet addresses are the numbering system used in TCP/IP communications to specify a particular network or computer on the network with which to communicate...

...Online Inc., CompuServe, available from H&R Block Inc., Prodigy, available from Prodigy Services, Microsoft Network , available from Microsoft Corp., as well as other like services from a variety of companies...

...c. Network Service Provider...

...The Network Service Provider 701 provides access to the Network 700. Commercial providers include: ...are to store Advertisements 50, transfer the Advertisements 50 to the Local Computer 500, and collect user feedback . The Local Computer 500 will initiate communication with the Advertising System Server 600. Each user...be stored on any one of the plurality of advertising system servers connected to the Network 700. In this embodiment, the Local Computer 500 initiates communication with a predetermined advertising system...

...advertising system server will select the next Advertisement 50 to be downloaded and transmit the network address of the advertising system server storing the Advertisement 50. The Local Computer 500 uses the transmitted network address to request the selected Advertisement 50 from the appropriate advertising system server...Thus, the Job Manager address returned to the Local Computer 500 may contain both the Internet address of the ...The Job Manager 720 creates a Network Job 725 for each user it communicates with. Each Network Job 725 communicates with the Local Computer 500 to select and download Advertisements 50; collect feedback from the Local Computer 500; check the user's participation and any awards from contests, etc.; and upgrades and installs the Local

Computer 500 software versions. The **Network** Job 725 is responsible for selecting the next downloaded Advertisement 50 based on user configuration...

...Under most current **network** models, including the current implementation of the **Internet**, users are typically charged based on the amount of time they are connected to specific resources on the **network**. Thus, the current system of downloading advertisements and other information in the background does not...

...user, as transmission occurs in background mode while the user is already connected to the **network** Service Provider 701. Future implementations of these **networks**, however, may charge users based on the amount of information, or number of **network** "packets" or other units of data, the user has received. On such **networks**, the system should be able to track the amount of information transmitted, such as by counting the number advertisements, advertisement resources, or **network** packets (also known as "datagrams"), frames, segments or other units of **network** data containing advertisements. The **Network** Service Provider 701 may use this information to charge the system generated transmissions to the advertisers rather than the users. The Advertisement System Server 600, and most preferably the **Network** Job 725, will be responsible for tracking the amount of information transmitted by the system...

...listings of **network** service providers; billing information; audit logs and statistics. The Server Database 730 also maintains information... Advertising System Server 600 also provides various management services, such as billing information, viewing and **gathering** statistics on **feedback** information, and advertisement display audit-logs which may be sorted according to various filters such...Saver Subsystem 220, User Preference and Advertisements Database 230, Feedback Manager 240, Advertisements Feeder 250, **Internet** Feedback 260, Advertisement Killer 275, Scheduler 265, **Internet** Feeder 270, TCP/IP Polite Agent 280, TCP/IP Protocol Stack 290, and PPP-TCP...

...Over Modem Protocol Subsystem 295 handle the lower level details of transferring information to the **Network** 700. The TCP/IP Polite Agent 280 is responsible for monitoring the communications line utilization... The general mechanisms and protocols for communicating with a **network**, such as the **Internet**, or on-line service, are known in the art. See, e.g., Stallings, W., Data...

...Macmillan Publishing Co., (1988). The preferred embodiment utilizes the TCP/IP protocol (Transport Control Protocol/ **Internet** Protocol) which is also well known in the art. See, e.g., Martin J., TCP/IP **Networking**, PTR Prentice Hall (1994). The disclosure of each of the foregoing is hereby incorporated by...a standard set of function calls for communicating with other application programs connected to the **Network** 700. Thus the application programs, here the TCP/IP Polite Agent 280, do not have...a) The Advertising System Server 600 **Internet** name or **Internet** addressf) Whether feedback information may be sent to the **Network** 700. User preference information typically includes...this information in selecting the next advertisement to be transmitted. The user preference and configuration **data** may alternatively be stored on the Advertising System Server 600...

...The Job Manager 720 on the **Network** Server 600 matches the user

preferences and configuration data against the category information for the...to browse through Advertisements 50 stored on their local system (hard disk or local LAN network), as well as those Advertisements 50 available from the Network 700. For Advertisements 50 stored locally, whether downloaded from the Network 700 to the User Preference and Advertisement Database 230 or available on a Local Advertisement...Advertisement Database 230 or available on a Local Advertisement...

...201 displays a menu with the available Advertisements 50. Each Advertisement 50 stored on the Network 700 or Local Advertisement Database 550 may optionally include a preview segment. The user may...

...user may then select the particular advertisement to be displayed. For Advertisements stored on the Network 700, the Advertising System Server 600 will transmit a list of available Advertisements 50. Users... questioners, initiating a WEB browser to connect directly to an advertiser WEB page on the Network 700, or automatically initiating a voice connection through the Modem 520 to the advertiser...to the User Preference and Advertisement Database 230. Advertisements 50 preferably are provided from the Internet through the Internet Feeder 270, however, the Advertisements Feeder 250 is not dependent on the type of advertisement...but rather takes advantage of communications resources once the initial Communications Link 703 with the Network Service Provider 701 has been established, thus avoiding additional user charges
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...resource utilization remains low and ample resources are available the software agent performs its designated data transfer task.

Alternatively , if communications resource utilization becomes ...a response from) the Advertising System Server 600. See, e.g., J. Martin, TCP/IP Networking , PTR Prentice Hall Inc. (1994) (pages 147-48), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. An alternative method is to "ping" the Network Service Provider 701...for a Polite Agent Job 285 embodying the present invention for transmitting data to the Network 700. The Polite Agent Job 285 first checks (step A) to see whether this is...285 transmits the name of the file, file position and file block contents to the Network 700 via the TCP/IP Protocol Stack 290 (steps I, K). The Polite Agent Job 285 then updates the current file position and stores it on persistent storage, such as the Local Computer's Mass Storage...Agent Job 285 may consist of a true file type supported by the platform, or, alternatively , any block of data such as a database record...

...Polite Agent Job 285 uses this threshold to calibrate its operation by calculating how many network packets, bytes, or other units of data may be transferred without increasing the load beyond...550. In this embodiment, the Advertisements Feeder 250 includes the selection functionality described for the Network Job 725 above. Selected Advertisements 50 are loaded into the User Preference and Advertisement Database...

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...shown) to the bus 71, communication adapter 83 for connecting the workstation to a communication **network** (e.g., a data processing **network**) and a display adapter 84 for connecting the bus 71 to a display device 85...preferred embodiment of the invention utilizes HyperText Markup Language (HTML) to implement documents on the **Internet** together with a general-purpose secure communication protocol for a transport medium between the client...J. Gettys and J. C. Mogul, "Hypertext Transfer Protocol--HTTP/1.1: HTTP Working Group **Internet Draft**" (May 2, 1996). HTML is a simple data format used to create hypertext documents

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Non-exemplary Claims: ...20. The electronic commerce system for use over a global communications **network** recited in claim 19 wherein said communications **controller** is further operable to process said **gathered** feedback information and, in response thereto, **modify** ones of said **data** files...